

REMARKS

The Office Action has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 9 are amended. No claims are cancelled or added. Thus, claims 1-12 remain pending and are submitted for reconsideration.

Objections

Claim 1 is objected to. An amendment adopting the Examiner's suggestion has been made where appropriate. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. An amendment adopting the Examiner's suggestion has been made where appropriate. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Amendments

Claims 3, and 9 are being amended to correct minor typographical and antecedent basis errors.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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